

the liner strip being positionable in an attached position on the facestock labels and in an alternative removed position removed from the facestock labels; and

the liner strip when in the removed position exposing bottom surfaces of the labels such that the labels can be removed and applied in alignment to at least one surface, wherein the strip is configured with serially-connected strip portions interconnected by thin necks, each of the strip portions being attached on a respective one of the labels when the strip is in the attached position.

143. (New, See Old Allowable Claim 49) The construction of claim 142 wherein each of the strip portions has substantially the same size and shape as its respective label.

144. (New, See Old Allowable Claim 50) The construction of claim 142 wherein each of the strip portions is slightly larger than its respective label.

145. The construction of claim 142 further comprising adhesive adhering the facestock to the liner sheet.

146. The construction of claim 145 wherein the adhesive is removable or repositionable adhesive.

147. (New, See Old Allowable Claim 51) A label applicator construction, comprising:
a liner sheet;
facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;
the liner sheet including a liner strip and a liner body portion;
the liner strip being positionable in an attached position on the facestock labels and in an alternative removed position removed from the facestock labels;
the liner strip when in the removed position exposing bottom surfaces of the labels such that the labels can be removed and applied in alignment to at least one surface, and wherein the liner body portion defines a handle for a user to grasp to maneuver the labels into position relative to the surface for application thereto.

148. (New, See Old Claims 30 and 31) A label applicator construction, comprising:
a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including at least one liner sheet weakened separation line at least in part separating the liner sheet into a removable liner strip and a liner body portion; and

the liner strip when in a separated position being separated from the liner body portion and backsides of the facestock labels being exposed such that the liner body portion can be manipulated such that the facestock labels are in desired positions relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels applied to the at least one surface, wherein the at least one surface includes staggered tabs of a stack of tabbed divider sheets or the at least one surface includes staggered tabs of a stack of file folders.

149. (New, See Generally Old Claim 38) A label applicator construction, comprising:

a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including at least one liner sheet weakened separation line at least in part separating the liner sheet into a removable liner strip and a liner body portion; and

the liner strip when in a separated position being separated from the liner body portion and backsides of the facestock labels being exposed such that the liner body portion can be manipulated such that the facestock labels are in desired positions relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels applied to the at least one surface, wherein the liner sheet and the facestock form a laminate construction that is adapted to pass through a printer or copier and desired indicia printed on the labels before the liner strip is removed to the separated position.

150. (New, See Old Claims 58 and 59) A label applicator construction, comprising:

a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including a liner strip and a liner body portion;

the liner strip being positionable in an attached position on the facestock labels and in an alternative removed position removed from the facestock labels; and

the liner strip when in the removed position exposing bottom surfaces of the labels such that the labels can be removed and applied in alignment to at least one surface, wherein the at least one surface

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includes staggered tabs of a stack of tabbed divider sheets or wherein that at least one surface includes staggered tabs of a stack of file folders.

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151. (New, See Generally Old Claim 67) A label applicator construction, comprising:
facestock including a plurality of aligned facestock labels;
a liner sheet assembly including at least first and second liner strips separable from one another;
the liner sheet assembly being adhered to the facestock;
the first liner strip being separable relative to the facestock to a separated position wherein adhesive backsides of the facestock labels are in exposed positions;
with the facestock labels in the exposed positions, the liner sheet assembly including the second liner strip can be manipulated by a user into a desired position relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels separated from one another and adhesively applied to the at least one surface, and wherein the first liner strip is separable to the separated position after the construction has been passed through a printer or copier and indicia printed on top surfaces of the facestock labels.

152. The construction of claim 126 wherein the liner sheet includes at least one weakened separation line defining at least a portion of a perimeter of a liner sheet portion on the handle portion of the unit.

153. The construction of claim 126 wherein a liner sheet portion of the liner sheet is adhered to the handle portion and is removable from the liner sheet as part of the unit.

154. The construction of claim 153 wherein at least one cut line in the liner sheet defines at least a portion of a perimeter of the liner sheet portion.

155. The construction of claim 154 wherein the at least one cut line penetrates the liner sheet but not the facestock.

156. The construction of claim 153 wherein the liner sheet portion is smaller than the handle portion.

157. The construction of claim 153 wherein the handle portion is larger than the liner sheet portion and defines a frame around the liner sheet portion.

158. The construction of claim 126 wherein a separation line having at least one tie separates the handle portion from the facestock label, and the at least one tie is adapted to be broken by a user to separate the handle portion from the facestock label with the facestock label in the desired position.

159. The construction of claim 126 wherein the facestock label has an elongate configuration having an elongate side and an end.

160. The construction of claim 159 wherein the handle portion is attached to and extends out from the end.

161. The construction of claim 159 wherein the handle portion is attached to and extends out from the side.

162. The construction of claim 126 wherein the facestock label has an elongate configuration having first and second ends, the handle portion defines a first handle portion extending out from the first end, and the facestock includes a second handle portion extending out from the second end.

163. The construction of claim 126 wherein the facestock label defines a first facestock label, the handle portion defines a first handle portion, the facestock further includes a second facestock label and a second handle portion, wherein the second facestock label and the second handle portion are manually removable from the liner sheet as a connected unit and the second handle portion is separable from the second facestock label with the second facestock label adhered in a desired position to an article.

164. The construction of claim 163 wherein the liner sheet includes a liner sheet portion which is adhered to the second handle portion and is removable from the liner sheet as part of the connected unit.

165. The construction of claim 163 wherein the liner sheet includes a first liner sheet portion attached to the first handle portion and a second liner sheet portion attached to the second handle portion.

166. The construction of claim 165 wherein the second liner sheet portion is separable along a weakened separation line from the second facestock label with the second facestock label in the desired position.

167. The construction of claim 126 wherein the facestock label has an ink and/or toner receptive surface.

168. The construction of claim 126 wherein the facestock is an ink and/or laser receptive topcoated facestock which is laminated via pressure sensitive adhesive to the liner sheet.

169. The construction of claim 126 wherein the facestock is attached to the liner sheet with adhesive, and the facestock label is adhered with the adhesive in the desired position.

170. The construction of claim 126 wherein the facestock includes first and second facestock sheets attached to the liner sheet with a gap therebetween, and the liner sheet includes a weakened separation line extending along the gap so that the construction can be separated into two pieces.

171. The construction of claim 126 wherein the facestock includes a weakened separation line separating the handle portion and the facestock label.

172. The construction of claim 126 wherein the liner sheet includes a portion to which the facestock label is directly adhered before being removed and the facestock label is peeled off of the portion when removed as the unit.

173. The construction of claim 126 wherein the facestock label defines a first facestock label, the handle portion defines a first handle portion, the unit defines a first unit, and the facestock label includes a second facestock label and a second facestock handle portion, the second facestock label and the second handle portion being removable as a second unit from the liner sheet.

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action, claims 1-2, 8-11, 13-25, 27-47, 51-55, 57-76, 78-82, and 84-87 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102 (b) as being anticipated by Gelsinger (5,958,536), claims 1-11, 17-47, 51-53, 55, 57-87 were also and additionally rejected under 35 U.S.C 102 (b) as being anticipated